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Dear Sir:

Please amend the English language translation of the above-identified patent application as follows to place this U.S. Patent Application in better condition for examination:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks are provided on page 11 of this paper.